



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1711
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

MASAHIRO NOZAKI

APPLICATION NO.: 09/180,943

FILED: NOVEMBER 18, 1998

FOR: AROMATIC POLYAMIDE RESIN
COMPOSITION HAVING EXCELLENT
BALANCE OF TOUGHNESS AND
STIFFNESS

CASE NO.: AD 6506 US NA

GROUP ART UNIT: 1711

EXAMINER: U. RAJGURU

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows. A petition for a two month extension of time has been filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) An aromatic polyamide resin consisting of an aromatic polyamide resin having a melting point of at least 290°C, an inorganic filler, and an elastomeric impact modifier.

REMARKS

Applicant's representative appreciates the kind consideration shown by the Examiner in a recent telephone interview regarding the above-captioned application. The Examiner indicated that favorable consideration would be given to the claims if amended to reflect "consisting of" transition language. After careful deliberation Applicant has decided to make such an amendment to Claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application and pending claims 1,2 and 4 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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